The story of Pecos Bill

Once there was a boy who fell out of a wagon into the Pecos river in Texas. His name was Bill. He was lost.

He lived with the coyotes.

A man found Bill and Bill howled like a coyote. Bill was smart but he could not talk.

The man brought Bill to camp and that night Bill learned to talk like you and me. The first thing he said was "I was lost near the Pecos river and my name is Bill." The men named him Pecos Bill.

Bill grew and became a man, a big strong, smart man. He invented barbed wire to keep the cows inside the fence.

He invented lassos to catch the cows.

He invented branding irons so people knew who owned each cow.

Bill had white horse named Lightning. That horse was wild. No man could ride him.

Slue-foot Sue told Bill she could ride that horse. She was very bold.

She tried and Lightning bucked her to the moon.

She came down and bounced three times. Bill laughed.

Bill said he couldn't ride Lightning but he could ride a tornado. And he did. He used a rattlesnake for a whip.

Pecos Bill was the biggest, smartest, bravest man in Texas.